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ALASKA STATE MUSEUM, JUNEAU ❖ SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM, SITKA

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### Watchable Whales Exhibition Closing

Saturday, October 14, is the final day to see the exhibit *Alaska's Watchable Whales* at the Alaska State Museum. The exhibition features the work of Juneau photographers Mark Kelley and John Hyde, and presents an intimate look at the humpback and killer whales that many people identify with Southeast Alaska.

The exhibition is based on Kelley and Hyde's 2004 book *Alaska's Watchable Whales: Humpback and Killer Whales*. The show features large-format photographs of some of the stunning imagery of whales that the two photographers have captured over the years, and also provides information about the science and behavior of whales. Life-size silhouettes of the whales adorn the gallery walls to provide a sense of scale.

Kelley and Hyde are both full-time professional photographers with extensive outdoor experience in Alaska. Kelley has published eight photo books and his work has appeared in hundreds of other publications. Hyde's images of North American wildlife are published regularly in magazines and commercial publications worldwide.

Kelley began his career as a photojournalist, working as staff photographer for the *Juneau Empire*, before embarking on a career as photographer and publisher. In addition to his numerous photo books and photo assignments, Kelley publishes annual calendars featuring images of Juneau and Southeast Alaska, as well as a line of note cards.

Hyde also works as a freelance photographer and has extensive editorial, commercial and stock photo credits. He has also taught photography at the University of Oregon and the University of Alaska Anchorage. He is one of Alaska's best-known wildlife photographers.

The museum remains on summer hours through September 25. Hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Winter hours begin September 26 and will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed holidays. General admission is \$5 in the summer and \$3 in the winter. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15.

Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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